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OUR CRUCIAL HOUR

rom many a corner of this world re goes up the prayer for highly secrated leadership. The work of s office would crush us all if it were for the Lord, who is on our side. ere is not a department in our ire fellowship but what would be re effective, more inspiring, more rtening if we might glimpse the l of the Master in these mighty rs. Why all this great travail of rganization? Why all these sun- ing of ties and scrapping of ma- nery? There is no justification of f it is to mean a mere improvement machinery. These days should be h with hope. The time is ripe for general breaking of fetters, more ters will impede the progress of world. The time has come for rless men who will preach for con- tion of heart and repentance from That leader who will awaken hin men a sense of sin and a per- al inadequateness to save himself, l find men wishing to be led to God the remission of their sins. May d give to our Congregationalism, lting, wavering, uncertain as it ems to be a great voice that will ll us all to the great task of re- eming the world.

CHURCH CHARTERS

We wish to call the attention of urch officials to the fact that the ticles of Incorporation under which ey are operating have a fixed limit fifty years. A few of our churches ve had the experience of finding emselves with lapsed charters and has required considerable time and pense to reincorporate. It is a com- ratively simple matter to get the arter renewed if it is done before e date of expiration and we urge urch officials to examine their rec- ds at once. If there are any churches at need to renew their charters we ll be able to assist them and per- ps save them both trouble and ex- nse.

TAKING UP THE SLACK

Letters have gone to the pastors, d through them to the treasurers, ving a statement of the benevolences ceived by this office up to October st. We send these letters for two asons, one that we may get a check ith the churches as to whether our counts agree with their books, and e second is a reminder that we have certain amount of pledged work that likely to suffer unless we can come a tle nearer to the goal set in the appor- nment voted by the Conference. All the money that we receive for Min- ter's Relief and American Mission- y work, now taken over, goes di- ctly to the field without any charge r administration. Nearly every dol- r that is sent for the C. H. M. S. oes direct to workers on the field, if here be any balance it is in reserve r similar work. We are still able to arry the work of administration from r income on invested funds, thanks the donors of yesteryear. Our situ- tion would be much relieved if we ould secure a few more major gifts. Ve are able to offer very good terms any who wish to take annuities ith our societies.

OUR GREAT CONCERN

For many many months we have een passing through the strain of reorganization and adjustment. We have used up several columns of this organ in outlining its purpose and its progress. We would have written more had we been reasonably sure that the recommendations would not be reversed before our articles reached our subscribers. With some of the later developments we congratulate ourselves that we have had such power of restraint. The doctors have diagnosed Congregationalism and performed a few needed operations. They are now stitching up the wounds. The patient is alive and doing well. Recovery is predicted despite low vitality.

Our great concern is whether a rejuvenated Congregationalism will ever have the abounding vitality that characterized its earlier days. In its youth time it enjoyed its God given freedom. Gradually its feet were heavy with fetters forged by others. In the rush for place and position it lost sight of its spiritual freedom and compromised its convictions. We standardized our methods, our policy, our faith. We wished to take place with the regulars in the army of the Lord. Today we count ourselves with the Big Four or the Big Seven according to the alliances we enter into.

It is at the point of standardization that we meet our greatest peril. The discipline of any great mobilized body must of necessity be orderly, concretely stated and enforceable. Congregationalism at its inception chose for its guidance sets of principles rather than rules of order. Its cherished hope was that its followers might grow in grace under the tuition of a Holy Spirit. Its leaders had small patience with the mechanicians who were at work with doctrine, polity and rules of conduct. The mantles of these early Elijahs have fallen upon some of the youthful Elishas who serve either with us or apart from us in the hope of greater spiritual freedom.

CONCERN FOR THE MINISTER

The ministry of today is fettered in so many ways that they cry out loud, but unfortunately, not with the voice or the heroism of the prophet. When they do, the people know not or heed not, the prophetic appeal. Our men are fettered by an overwhelming amount of detail. They are fettered by an enormous amount of propaganda, whose local advocates are vociferous in their clamor for recognition. They are fettered by the denominational obligations that are thrust upon them with the inference that their futures depend upon allegiance to the denominational program. They are fettered by the bogey of brotherhoods and fraternities and service clubs innumerable all taking toll of their energies. They are fettered by the insistent attendance upon multiplied committee meetings that are too often trivial in their purposes and achievements. They are fettered by modern systems, fads and fancies that they cannot fit to their particular parishes and therefore seek a parish that will fit their systems. Churches and individuals were not made for systems. The wise leader must forge his own tools.

CONCERN FOR THE LAYMAN

The layman of this day is being short-changed, to use his own expression. His soul longs for God, yes, for the living God. Many of our laymen are God-fearing, home-loving, and self-sacrificing. Few of them have profound convictions. Few of them care for the professional debates that characterize theologians, philosophers and reformers. Most of them understand good ethics, theoretically, and recognize moral and civil codes, with reservations. Most of our laymen wish to be "hail fellows." They are practically minded. They have the business idea and would make it dominant. Those who succeed in business would make business method, their method, the panacea for reforming this sinful old world. God bless them. They are living up to their light. Their light stretches as a great searchlight, compared with it The Light of the World is dimmed. They give generously, to headwaiters and porters and hat-checkers. They give, systematically, we have trained them to it, to the regular work of the church and its benevolences. They wish to help and will give hours of their time to help the church and reform movements. They weary when the task is superficial and unrewarding. God bless these hungry men. God favor them with greater abundance than they have.

CONCERN FOR YOUTH

The youth of today is the most potent factor in our civilization. It is better informed, better endowed, clearer visioned and better able to take care of itself than the youth of any generation. Our modern youth movements may become the most dynamic of all our agencies, if wisely led. It may become,—a disease. We may fetter our youth as we do our ministry and make them impotent. We may flatter them and thus despoil them. We may short-change them in their spiritual perceptions and turn them from the church. We may do a vast number of things that will annoy them but we will never be able to suppress youth. Age can never conquer youth. Criticism only tends to make youth more conscious of itself. He who blinds his eyes to the effervescence of youth and who closes his ears to shut out the noises of youth will soon feel that youth is tramping upon him with irreverent feet. Youth is rich today. Youth is flush with vitality, mostly on the physical side. Youth is full visioned and not bespectacled. Though light of feet and light of heart youth knows that it is headed out into the future that belongs to it as an heritage. What will they do with it?

CONCERN FOR THE KINGDOM

Our chief concern is for the Kingdom of God. That kingdom suffereth violence and the violent take it by force. Our ministry, our laity, our youth are all practically encysted by the things of the world. They are in the grip of organization, system, propaganda, popularity. The world is ruled by mechanics. It should be ruled by the Spirit. The call of the hour is for great spiritual leaders. The technicians have had their day, and it has been a merry day. The technicians have bred a swarm of tinkerers, who bungle everything in sight. There are many self-appointed guardians of high and holy trusts who know not the Lord. They are blind leaders of the blind and there are altogether too many falling into ditches.

WE HAVE A VISITOR

If you could visit the Conference office right now, you would see a wonderful amount of activity. For, we have opened our arms to the Woman's Board and are sheltering them while they are homeless, until the American Board is ready to give them a berth. Mrs. Ranney's office is now empty. But Miss Wilson is carrying on the work, having a desk in the Conference office, and is as busy as ever keeping the work going.

A full account of the Woman's Board annual meeting will be found on page two.

MRS. RANNEY

Mrs. Ranney will be on her way East by the time you are reading this. She is to be attached to the American Board offices in Boston or to the Regional offices in Chicago, after January 1. This Conference will miss her noble enthusiasm. We wish her God-speed in her new undertaking.

THE FELLOWSHIP BUILDING FUND

The committee appointed by the Conference to organize this movement for a "First Bills" fund met September 16 in the Conference office, and after careful deliberation put themselves on record as to the importance of such a fund but ask for more time to study the situation before a permanent plan be recommended.

The committee was most unanimous in its desire to help Broadmoor in its present needs and voted that Mr. Sherman, the Broadmoor minister, be recommended to the churches as the general speaker to outline the needs and secure subscriptions.

A letter was prepared that will go to selected names in the Conference with the hope of a response that will total $4,000. Will pastors and church officials take this Broadmoor opportunity into their hearts and churches that we may help them most generously.

The committee consists entirely of laymen and is as follows: Mr. Fremont Morse, chairman; Mr. E. T. Leiter, secretary; Messrs. C. M. Doxsee, Jesse Hardy and G. A. Wood.

Please call Rev. E. T. Sherman, San Leandro 622-J or address him at 632 Woodland avenue, San Leandro. Invite him to your churches. Listen to his proposition. Invest at once.

WELCOME DR. CADY

We are happy to have Dr. Cady with us, if only for a few days. Sunday, October 10, he speakes morning and evening at First Church, Oakland. Monday at 2:30 he gives the Founder's Day address at the Pacific School of Religion. Tuesday at 2:30 he will address Bay Congregationalists at Plymouth Church, Oakland. These addresses are all open to the public. Let us get out a good attendance for Tuesday afternoon.

CHURCH WORKER NEEDED

We have a request for a young and trained woman worker to help in one of our rapidly growing churches. Experience in such work is desired but not necessary if one has the gifts and the sympathy for work among the young. We will gladly talk this proposition over with those who are seeking such work.

Woman's Board Annual Meeting

The fifty-third annual meeting of the W. B. M. P. this year was peculiarly significant because it was the last separate meeting before the merger of the four foreign Boards into one with headquarters in Boston.

The stately and beautiful First Congregational Church of Oakland, with its convenient arrangements and hospitable women, was an ideal one in which to hold such a meeting. The sessions both days were largely attended with representatives from many churches of Northern California and some delegates from Southern California and Washington.

After the reports in the morning. Dr. Mu Jin Ching, a graduate of the University of California, who is physician in charge of the obstetrical department of the hospital at Yale in China, situated at Changsha, gave a delightful talk. Dr. Ching said:

"It fills my heart with admiration to see you and other women who take so much interest, time and thought to helping your sisters across the ocean, whose environment is different from yours, whose color is different from yours, whose tradition is different from yours and whose faith is different from yours.

"Last year our hospital treated over 40,000 patients. Many came to us in the hopeless stage and expected us to do miracles. There are six medical schools in China which might be classified as medical schools of the highest standing."

In the afternoon the "Living Spirit of the Board," which was the central theme of the whole program, was traced through its incarnation, its ministry abroad, its development at home, and its blessing to those who served. Fifty-three years ago our pioneer mothers dared to found a national board so far from the centers of civilization and looked forward with eagerness to the annual meetings which were reached by stage-coach. Through those early years we glimpse sacrifice and loyalty and the determination to carry on. Through volunteer workers the interest spread, the ministry abroad increased and the funds grew. That spirit has also characterized the work all along. During the raising of the $150,000 for the Jubilee—an almost impossible sum it seemed—the same background and spirit of sacrifice and love and hard work came to the front until the efforts were crowned with success.

Now the spirit is still working and will live on. The new movement is in the development of unity—all the boards coming together; home and foreign work uniting in the state organization; men and women working side by side in the churches; on State Conference Boards; in the national organizations. This spirit of unity is the adventure of the new day, and faithfulness and enthusiasm, patience, love and hard work will insure its success.

The ministry of the Board abroad was ably presented by Mrs. Wagner, foreign secretary for fifteen years.

For some time it has been evident that a fund corresponding to the annuity fund for ministers must be raised for the missionaries whose salaries simply cover bare living expenses and leave nothing from which to save for their old age. $12,500 was necessary for the W. B. M. P. to raise for the need, and the returns in response to Mrs. Krick's presentation added to the small amount pledged previously was most encouraging. A little over $9,000 was in sight at the end of the meeting.

Rev. Elmer Galt, the representative of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco at Paotingfu, China, showed us some of the new movements in China.

"China will not set her house in order in a day or a week or in a month. There is room for a good deal of pessimism if we look at China from the political standpoint or military standpoint, and yet there is an underlying stability still, and one great reason for this is the poverty of the masses of people which compels them to be day in and day out at their regular work of making a living.

"Paotingfu field has demonstrated perhaps more than any other rural field what can be done in the thousand character work. There were one hundred classes opened this last year for three or four months. Just so far as we can promote literacy we are introducing the opening wedge for any sort of direct work we want to undertake. There are about three hundred new church members a year in the Paotingfu field.

"We have 225 boarders at the boys' school and about 240 in classes which include day pupils, and have had to turn away many beyond that number. The principal is a Chinese who has specialized in education in the University of Peking, and is doing splendid work. The Girls' school with a capacity for 100 was also full to the limit last year, and we had to turn away girls who applied. There are primary schools scattered through the field, but not very many because of financial reasons."

Greetings were brought from the Woman's Board in Boston by Miss E. Harriet Stanwood, for many years secretary, and from the Board of the Interior by Miss Mary Porter, beloved first missionary of that Board. It was a benediction to have with us both of these women who have watched and been in the thick of the growth of the work these many years and are still so virile in spirit.

Always an impressive ceremony is the presentation of missionaries, both home and foreign. This was most sympathetically done by Mrs. Wagner, herself a missionary in China for some years.

Most fortunate were we all at this time to have with us Mrs. McLean who has been a director of the board from the beginning and watched its growth through these fifty odd years. For some time she was president and since then has been president emeritus. Late in the afternoon a reception was held in her honor and for the other board officers, past and present.

It was a happy plan that the Bay Association met at the church the same day and joined in some of the sessions. They and the corporate members of the American Board by special invitation were at the International Dinner. Over three hundred sat down together. There was an American Board table with corporate members; a pioneer table for the pioneers themselves and their daughters, and tables for each land in which the board carries on work, decorated appropriately to the region. At each table the presiding lady and some others wore costumes of the country. Mrs. Ferrier, the able president, introduced Mr. Holmes, the representative of the American Board, Mr. Waddell of the Bay Association, and Mr. Dexter, moderator of the Northern California Conference, who brought greetings. Messages were also read from most of the missionaries of the Board by those in costume.

Rev. Fred Goodsell, who is a statesman and an expert on Turkey, gave an illuminating address on "Turkey at the Cross Roads."

"Turkey is furnishing today in the Moslem world, a new leadership unlike anything that has been furnished throughout the thirteen centuries of Moslem history. Turkey is at the cross roads of her national life. The issues are too deep, the interests too vast for us to settle them by the meager scale of human prejudices. Our business in the Near East is to confront the Moslem world there with with Jesus Christ. Let the political movements come and go, develop as they will, that is our mission there and we will be true to it."

Following this was an impressive and beautiful Commission Service for Miss Aileen B. Parsons, who goes to the school at Mazatlan as directora. One will not soon forget her statement of why she was going, the charge or the commissioning prayer with the hands laid on her head in consecration.

Wednesday, the outlook was ahead—to the New Day. The merger was clearly explained by Mrs. A. P. Peck and the following resolution was moved by Mrs. McLean:

"Whereas, the National Council of Congregational Churches of the United States at its meeting in Washington, D. C., in October, 1925, took action for the unification of the Woman's Boards of Missions with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in the conduct of the foreign mission work of the denomination on the foreign field; in the administration of the work in the departments at home; in appeals to the denomination in behalf of foreign missions; in foreign missionary education and promotion throughout the denomination

Be it resolved, That the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific enter into unification with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in accordance with the National Council action—such unification to take effect without further specific action on the first day of January, 1927.

Be it further resolved, That in the unification the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific shall preserve its corporate identity; and that any designated funds which may be handed over to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions shall not be diverted without consultation with and approval by the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific."

After which the whole congregation sang "Lead On, Oh King Eternal, the Day of March Has Come." Mr. Holmes gave the welcome from the American Board. Mrs. Kofoid explained the constitution and by-laws of the skeleton organization which will be necessary to receive legacies or hold special funds in the future, and this constitution was voted.

It must be remembered that the merger of the Boards does not go into effect until January 1, and until then the Board will still carry on the administration of the work.

Rev. Robert B. Whitaker brought a most interesting picture of the movement at Lintsing to train and enlist as many volunteer workers as possible.

"In the Lintsing station we are trying to trust less and less to paid workers and rely more and more on lay workers, and have organized a school for their training. Some forty women have come into the church within the last six months as the result of one lay Chinese woman. Our missionary appropriations have n increased although the cost of a ministration has been going up a the time. We are looking forwa above everything else to a Chine indigenous church where they will independent.

"Our purpose in China, the purpo of the American Board, the purpose the Lintsing station, is to try bring more abundant life to that pe ple; that we may give them a visi of Christ that will bring them a mo abundant life. The best thing w be if the Chinese people themselv can bring this to their own people.

In the afternoon Dr. Swartz, f the denomination, and Dr. Minchi for the conference, ably present the New Day in Congregationalism.

The reincarnation of the Livi Spirit of the Board was exquisite pictured, and a rallying call to larg service in the New Day was given Mrs. Ferrier under the title of "Li More Abundant," and Mrs. Las president of the Southern Californ Missionary Society, in her "Forwa Vision" brought a survey of the b work, home and foreign, which it w our responsibility as church membe to carry on adequately.

A picture which will long remain the memory of all those present w of the Remembrance Procession when forty women in blue cho gowns each carrying a pennant which was inscribed the name of missionary who had gone out und the W. B. M. P., to the music of fam iar and loved hymns by the organ a cello, passed from the cloisters on o side of the church, across the pulp paused a minute by the large candl a symbol of the living spirit of t Board, and passed out on the oth side through the cloisters lit by t light of the setting sun.

Last of all came the communi service which was presided over Mrs. Ranney. The deacons were t former presidents of the Board, M Cherington and Mrs. Peck, and t State presidents, Mrs. Lash, M Baird and Mrs. Swartz. In her clo ing message Mrs. Ranney cited t story of David who in the heat battle longed for water from t spring at Bethlehem. When three his valiant soldiers at the risk their lives brought back the precio water, David, realizing what the co tents of that goatskin meant of ris and self-sacrifice, uplifted in spir poured it out before the Lord as sacrament. So we, remembering t sacrifices of our mothers, the love a loyalty of the women up and dow the coast, the lives of our missiona ies poured out in service, the spirit love and devotion of those nationa who through persecution often, a giving themselves in Christian life- how shall we accept such sacrifice Shall we be content with anythi less than giving the all for the ALL

And thus ended the fifty-third a last meeting of the W. B. M. P. Lo may this "living spirit" live.

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H. F. SWARTZ, President.

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ey Association and suggestion
e that it be printed in The Pacific.)

AT THE YOUNG PEOPLE EXPECT OF THE CHURCH

By Nancy Hamburger,
Paradise, Calif.

n this day and age I think the
ng people have a hard time to re-
the many temptations which are
ays surrounding them. It is hard
them to follow the right road, be-
se there seems to be so much op-
ition from all sides. Everywhere
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courages them, and causes them to
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Another thing the young people ap-
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stor talks to them as though he
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will reach their hearts more quick-
than by any other method.

Then too, the church should appre-
ate the young people. It should ap-
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ung people in their societies, are
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the conditions among the young
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improve the amusements and recre-
ions of the young people. They are
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live better lives. For all this the
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The greatest thing that the young
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gious feeling.

They expect the church to be a
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ablish their faith. Unless the church
as faith in the young people, the young people cannot have faith in the church. They come to church to receive and reflect the hope of the Christian religion.

I thing what the young people expect of the church can be summed up in these three words: faith, hope and charity.

PROGRAMS AND PROGRAM BUILDING

The only worth while programs in young people's work are those which grow out of and meet life needs. The objective of such programs should be the development and direction of Christian character. The activities looking toward this end may be grouped in four divisions: worship, instruction, service, and recreation.

Worship is a personal approach to and communion with God. It is a means toward seeing life from God's point of view. It reacts upon the worshipper in changed attitudes toward life and his fellowmen. It results in good will and helpfulness. Worship is both public and private. In the experience of worship, hymns, the Bible, devotional literature, prayer, meditation, and speech are of value. To realize its greatest value, preparation of place, material, and personal life are essential. The worship programs should be carefully arranged, a theme selected and all parts of the service correlated with the theme. Those who are to take part should have ample time for preparation. Worship programs should be so planned as to recognize special days or periods in the year and in church work. The study of devotional literature, hymns and hymn music is important. God is worthy of our best, so our worship programs should be the result of careful thought and arrangement. Young people should be encouraged to build their own worship programs, using the best available material. Such activity has great educational and practical value. Well planned and carried out worship is fundamental to a thorough-going program which will meet the unfolding needs of youth.

If life is to be most significant a complete program will include instruction as complementary to worship. Young people are rapidly gaining knowledge. All knowledge should be understood as related to God's progressive revelation and purpose. Men are called to a great mastery. The challenge is to realize abounding and creative life. To achieve such ends requires study and knowledge which results from experience. The program of instruction will necessarily include the Bible as a book rich in the records of the experience of people in search of life and God; it will include the history of the church past and present for the same reason; it will deal with all lines of human interests as they are related to the good of men. Definite provision should be made for the study of the principles and methods of choosing a vocation, and the essential values involved in the various fields of life work. Leadership training, social relations, matrimony and home interests, world friendship, personal and community health, and many other practical matters will find place in a well-balanced program of instruction and training. The end of such instruction is an abundant life that shall be fruitful in service.

Service is a means to a larger, more efficient life. There is great need of service in human society. Many ideals have long waited practical realization. Things ought to be done. Service rendered to this end is highly important. But there is another side to service—the personal side. As one serves, the service reacts upon the individual serving and results in producing a more skillful worker and giving a sense of joy and satisfaction in creative effort which is possible in no other way. Therefore, a program should provide for service because of its benefit to the individual as well as to society. The spirit of service should be properly interpreted. Training for service should be offered and direction given to it through efficient organization, that it may be most effective in results. The scope of service should be church, community, and world wide. Extending the circle of service results in the outreaching and enriching of personality.

The recreational interests of life are worthy of a place in the program of the church, the community, and the individual. Like work, true play is constructive and a means to enlarging life, new powers and fuller joy. The recreational program should make provision for recreation of body, mind, and spirit. Physical recreation may include athletic games, aquatic sports, hikes, picnics, and camping trips. Intellectual recreation may be secured through story-telling, reading, dramatics, pageantry, music, nature-study, hobbies, arts, handicraft, debates, discussions, and lectures. Social recreation is provided for by receptions, banquets, parties, musicales, stunt programs, and games. The recreational program should be prepared for a year, be well balanced, recognize seasonal interests, secure the participation of the largest possible number of individuals, and provide for promptness in opening and closing the programs. The purpose of recreation should be to offer opportunities for a wholesome and constructive expression of life and the maintaining of life on the highest possible plane.

To work out an inclusive and well balanced program for the year will require the careful study and work of many young people. It should be initiated by the Council, or Cabinet, of Young People's Work. This Council should include the pastor, the adult counselor to young people, and the president of each young people's organization in the church. Committees may be appointed to work out suggested plans along the lines of worship, instruction, service, and recreation, and to report to the Council so that these plans may be correlated and the general program for the year adopted. The book, "A Year's Program for Young People," 30c postpaid), will be most useful in working out the program in the local church. "Youth Organized for Religious Education" (70c), and "Youth and the Church" ($1.50), both by Maus, are valuable source books. In planning for recreation the following books are helpful: "Recreational Leadership" (80c) by Powell, "A Handbook of Games and Programs" (80c) by La Porte, "The Fun Book" ($1.25) by Giester and "Handy" ($2.50), the loose leaf manual of recreational material, by Rorhbough.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Making Life Count, by William Watkins Reid. Series: Studies in Christian Life Work. 166 pages, price 75c, plus postage. The Methodist Book Concern, New York City. This is an excellent guide for young Christians, in deciding what form of Christian service they would prefer, and the training they would need for the various types of work carried on by the Church in its community work as well as in the Church organizations. The author shows how a young Christian can live the Christian life in business as well as in one of the so-called "Christian vocations." The book is an inspiration to "get busy" in some work for the Kingdom.

Editor's Note: A copy of a letter just received has been found of so much interest to those who have seen it, that we desire to share it with all of our people.

NORTHWESTERN ARMY
CHRISTIAN COUNCIL
KALGAN, CHINA

July 19, 1926.

Miss Ruth Paxson,
Peitaiho.

Dear Miss Paxson:

I have not written you, nor have I heard from you for a long time. We are very well here. The conditions are not so bad as the papers represent. The Christian work is going on pretty well in the army. I have been kept busy as usual, though not so busy as when I wrote you last time. It is not right to be so occupied with work that the time for quiet Bible study and prayer is displaced. During the last few months each morning, now at five o'clock, a few of us meet with General Chang Chih Kiang in his headquarters for prayer and Bible study. An hour is never enough and we often spend nearly two hours in intercession. We take up a chapter each day as a prayer help, and have gone through John, Acts, Romans, Amos, Hosea, and are now on Corinthians. Gen. Chang is a mighty man of prayer, and of one book—the Bible. Oh, how he pleads and wrestles in prayer for the army and for China, and for the whole body of Christ throughout the world. Perhaps you will be interested to know that he is now supporting Pastor Ch'en T'ieh Sheng in Yunnan, in connection with the Home Missionary Society, as his own missionary. He had a gift edition of the Bible printed; eight thousand copies. They are all finished. Another edition is ready in Peking, but held up by the blockade.

The Lord has been wonderfully using these special Bibles. Two scholars of the highest rank were converted soundly, simply by reading the book through, and I baptized them on July 4. Many officials from the other armies all over China have been writing to him for a copy. We are now having these sent to them through the Bible Society in Peking.

The army is holding its real power. As to the military and political prospects, they are safe and hopeful; but we are very anxious about the moral and spiritual maintenance and progress. Will you pray much for us in these respects, and please get as many as possible to share in this work of definite intercession for the army. Pray for the chaplains in the army, that God may indeed fill us with His Spirit; that Christ and Him crucified may be kept always prominent in our work and preaching. Pray that the Lord will send us many more real Spirit-filled preachers. The need is great.

Lately I have written a book on Marshall Feng, the man and his work. We are having 4,000 copies mailed to the missionaries on approval. This is my private undertaking, because I consider this a very important piece of constructive missionary work, to get friends to know the real Feng, and to counteract the lies which have been so freely circulated about him, and to get people praying for him. Personally, I still believe he is the man whom God will use mightily for the salvation of China.

With Christian greetings I remain,
Yours in Christ,
(Signed) MARCUS CH'ENG

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SAN FRANCISCO TO LOSE DOCTOR GORDON

To the surprise and disappointment of many Congregationalists Dr. Gordon has announced that he will soon resign his pulpit in San Francisco and ask to be released December first. On October third he completed seven years of most strenuous and effective service in this historic church ministering to great crowds at both services on Sundays and for much of his ministry he has had capacity attendance at his mid-week meetings in the auditorium of the church.

The resignation has not yet gone before the church and no action accepting it has been requested. We are informed, however, that the decision is final and much as the membership will regret to accept the decision they will in formal way bow to the inevitable.

This office has found Dr. Gordon a staunch and loyal supporter of our conference work. He has most graciously met our requests for service at important gatherings; recognized the need and value of our missionary work and he has been a good brother to our ministers. We will miss his brotherliness; his wholesomeness; his optimism and his great evangelical leadership. He is still with us. He is to be with us until December first. The memory of him will linger long. We may add another word ere he says goodbye.

JOTTINGS ALONG THE WAY

By Our Assistant Superintendent

From the nature of the case my visits are confined mostly to the churches that are temporarily without pastoral leadership. It is interesting to note the courage, or the lack of it, with which these churches meet their situations while thus uncared for. Where work has been carried forward with vigor, as is the case in some places, with what joy a new pastor must contemplate his entrance upon his work, for he knows that he shall find loyal supporters. And where the work has been allowed to languish, for whatever cause, with what a sense of the need must he face his new task.

It is significant and encouraging, as one passes from point to point among the churches, to hear an almost universal plea for a more adequate provision for the care of our young people. This is significant as indicating an awakening sense among us of the need for much care. It is encouraging as indicating a desire everywhere to intelligently meet the need.

A Trip Into Trinity County

From rushing city streets to rushing mountain streams within the course of a few hours' ride by modern modes of travel is not an unusual experience for a Californian. However, he can never become entirely insensible to the wonder of the great and sudden changes in scene and climate which constantly greet him as he goes from place to place.

The writer has rather prided himself on being fairly familiar with his state, yet occasionally he is forced to revise his estimate as to the resources of the Golden State. And golden is right; for on the most recent trip of the assistant superintendent he visited a part of the country which was new to him, and he actually held in his hands—for a moment—some of the "precious metal" just from the ground and the miner's retort. The gold had been "panned out" in the good old way by hand, gathered together by the means of quicksilver, then prepared for sale at the bank by the miner's retort.

But Trinity county will remain in my memory supremely because of the three churches of our order which are maintained there. In fact, our denomination is responsible for all the Protestant work in the county. Weaverville is the County Seat and the location of one of our churches. Here I found a group of fine people, ready to get back of any worthy man whom we might send to them.

The other points are Hayfork and Lewiston. In each of these places they have a neat building and an earnest group who see the value of a church in a community. The church building at Hayfork has just been put back into excellent condition after a very unfortunate injury by the falling of a tree across it in a time of storm. The $500.00 necessary for its re-conditioning was raised at a meeting which was made possible by the cooperation of the Weaverville people, who came with musical talent and gave a concert. Rev. W. G. Trower is now on the field and at work, covering the three preaching points.

OTHER POINTS VISITED

Ocean View, San Francisco, has extended a call to Mr. Floyd Green of the Pacific School of Religion. He began his work there on the last Sunday in August, planning to carry the work in connection with his studies.

The church at Niles is happy under the leadership of Rev. A. W. Seebart who has recently come from a pastorate in Baker, Montana, to assume studies in the Pacific School of Religion. It is expected that he and his wife will soon take up their residence on the field, living in the attractive parsonage which the church provides.

Rev. W. W. Riley begins on October 10, a three-month's term of service with the Adin church, looking toward a permanent pastorate. The work there has for some months gone on quite successfully under local lay leadership; but a minister will be most heartily welcomed.

The church at Alturas is happy and prospering under the sane leadership of Rev. S. C. Carson, who is in his second year there. The church is gaining a new hold upon the community life and the outlook for our work there is exceedingly bright.

Likely, Modoc county, after being inactive for some time, is again seeking a pastor with a view to opening the church in that place. Steps are being taken, locally and through this office, to prepare the way for the achievement of this commendable undertaking. The work there includes both white and Indian interests.

PARADISE

There has just been perfected by the pastor a new and much needed organization, which has received the name, "The Friendly Guild of the Paradise Congregational Church."

The parish, which is wide-spread, has been divided into districts. In each district has been appointed a committee of church women whose duty is friendly and systematic calling, paying especial attention to new comers,—the card of the Guild to be left with each call.

Occasional friendly socials are also to be held by the Guild in the church building, to which the entire community is to be bidden.

This is a growing community; many new people are coming to us, and it is believed that this work will emphasize the friendly attitude of the church, and be of assistance to the pastor as well.

The work in all branches of the church is prospering, and the outlook is bright for the future.

SAN FRANCISCO—CHINESE

On Friday evening, October 1, this church tendered a farewell reception to Rev. Lee Hong, who has served it upwards of seven years. He goes to the American Missionary Association as a field worker under the direction of Dr. Hinman. At the same time a welcome was given to Rev. C. T. Leung who will supply the church for six months. He is a teacher in the Hip Wah school and has done church work in Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO—RICHMOND

During the summer months this church federated its services with Asbury Methodist and the experience was so satisfactory that efforts were made to make it permanent. Articles of agreement were drawn and many conferences held. The federation failed through legal and technical difficulties rather than through any practical desire for such a solution. With the first of October the churches returned to their former status and Mr. Eckles will lead our group until a permanent minister is secured.

SACRAMENTO

The new church building in Sacramento is rapidly nearing completion. It is expected that the first services will be held in the church on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 21.

The building, which is a beautiful structure of Gothic design, is arousing the interest and enthusiasm of many people in the city. Memorial gifts are being added every few days.

During the summer the church in association with the Fremont Presbyterian Church conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 416 children and 50 helpers. There were in attendance children of eight nationalities and many different church connections including 36 from Catholic families.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank our subscribers for answering so promptly and generously the call for renewals. We have received a number of these renewals this month, the greater majority of them for a four-year period. If you are not among those who have responded already, there is still time for you to come in before we check over the list. If your address label shows an expiration date prior to 1927, you are one of those we want to hear from.

LOCKEFORD

Our Lockeford Church has for some time been carrying on work under a federation with the Methodists, the first minister of the united work being of that denomination. His work having come to a close, the church according to their mutual agreement turned to us for a pastor. A man was found in the person of Mr. Edward L. Allen. Mr. Allen has accepted the call and is at work.

SAN FRANCISCO MISSION PARK: The sympathy of the church goes out to the pastor and his wife and her sister in the death of Mrs. Sanford, mother of Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Coates. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 25, in San Francisco, conducted by Dr. William Rader. The body was taken to Ogden for burial.

BENEVOLENCES

September, 1926

Berkeley First	$ 851.85
Campbell	11.80
Ceres	60.00
Cloverdale	25.00
Crockett	12.50
Eureka	30.07
Grass Valley	47.98
Lodi	190.00
Oakland First	1,004.71
Oakland Plymouth	192.42
Pacific Grove	38.70
Palermo	10.00
Petaluma	127.40
Pittsburg	30.27
Sacramento	127.40
San Francisco First	300.00
San Jose	70.00
San Lorenzo	15.00
Santa Rosa First	52.65
Sonoma	38.75
Soquel	25.00
Woodside	10.50
Miscellaneous	60.00
Mill Valley	21.40
Total	$3,491.67

Distribution

C. W. M. S.	$ 29.18
Conference	223.44
Annuity Fund	39.83
C. M. R. S.	53.13
S. S. E. S.	53.13
Foundation for Education	79.68
C. C. B. S.	146.07
C. E. S.	159.32
A. M. A.	332.01
W. B. M. P.	376.29
A. B. C. F. M.	657.15
C. H. M. S.	947.10
I. R. U.	365.40
N. H. M. S.	20.00
Total	$3,491.67

Comparative Figures

Jan. 1st-Feb. 28	$3,586,24	$3,706.94
Mch. 1st-31st	3,532,70	3,907.97
Apr. 1st-30th	4,036.67	4,236.83
May 1st-31st	3,982.85	3,585.69
June 1st-30th	2,955.40	5,184.43
July 1st-30th	4,454.20	3,438.20
Aug. 1st-31st	2,281.90	3,174.53
Sept. 1-30	$ 3,822.38	$ 3,491.67
	$28,652.34	$30,726.24
Increase		$2,073.90